

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the City of Austin's mission is to make Austin the most livable city in the country; and

WHEREAS, the Austin City Council approved and directed the creation of the Austin Climate Protection Plan, an aggressive, detailed, comprehensive plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and make Austin the leading city in the nation in the fight against global warming; and

WHEREAS, the Austin Climate Protection Plan details challenging goals for Austin Energy, including achieving 700 MW in new energy savings through energy efficiency and conservation by 2020; meeting 30 percent of all energy needs through renewable resources by 2020; achieving carbon neutrality on any new generation units through lowest-emission technologies, carbon sequestration and offsets; and establishing a CO2 cap and reduction plan for all utility emissions; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City, Austin Energy and the citizens of Austin that a robust and well-informed public dialogue take place to help chart the course for future energy resource planning and to help meet or exceed the goals of the Austin Climate Protection Plan; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the City Council directs the City Manager to conduct an open, extended Energy Resource Planning Public Participation Process to assist Austin Energy with the development of its future resource management plans, including

generation planning in line with the Austin Climate Protection Plan goals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That through the Energy Resource Planning Public Participation Process, Austin Energy will:

- 1) Educate its customers on facts, issues and trends regarding the electric utility industry,
- 2) Inform its customers in depth about Austin Energy's operations, particularly those involving power production, and
- 3) Obtain suggestions from its customers and other outside sources for business approaches and proposed solutions designed to meet the future needs of the utility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Energy Resource Planning Public Participation Process will involve:

- Compilation and release of information on Austin Energy's operations, including policies, programs, goals, finances, assets and forecasts
- Activities for soliciting input from the public, including town hall meetings, briefings and presentations to the Austin City Council and City of Austin Boards and Commissions such as the Electric Utility and Resource Management Commissions, and presentations at city council meetings of other cities served by Austin Energy
- Creation of a web-based method of disseminating information on Austin Energy operations and for receiving the public's comments and suggestions regarding the utility's future generation needs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the City Manager is directed to report back to Council within 90 days with specific recommendations and timetables for implementing the Energy Resource Planning Public Participation Process.

ADOPTED: _____

ATTEST: _____

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk